

REMARKS

Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

It is hereby requested that the term to respond to the Examiner's Action of March 7, 2006 be extended 2 months, from June 7, 2006 to August 7, 2006.

Authorization to charge a Credit Card is given to cover the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 through 20 are pending in the application and the Examiner rejected all claims.

Claim Rejections, 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0033767 to Kamentz et al. ("Kamentz"). On page 6 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3, 10 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kamentz in view of U.S. Application Publication No. 2003/0115218 to Bobbitt et al. ("Bobbitt").

U.S. Application Publication No. 2005/0033767 to Kamentz et al. is Not Prior Art

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Kamentz. Applicant respectfully submits that Kamentz is not prior art as defined under 35 U.S.C. §102. More specifically, as set forth in the

attached 37 C.F.R. §1.131 Declaration, inventor David Wendt conceived the present invention and reduced it to practice prior to the August 4, 2003 reference date of Kamentz.

In light of the attached Declaration, the Kamentz Patent Application should be removed as a reference and claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-16, and 18-20 are in condition for allowance. Additionally, claims 3, 10 and 17 are dependant from claims 2, 9 and 16 respectively, and are also in condition for allowance.

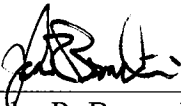
Conclusion

The present invention is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

Respectfully submitted

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